



Freedom 90 commits to raising its voice to demand an end to poverty and an end to the need for food banks and emergency meal programs in Ontario.

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Vancouver Courier - Stopgap measure 30 years ago now permanent

Food banks part of the problem, says UBC prof

Is reaching into the pantry for that can of beans or packet of pasta really solving the hunger problem?

A growing contingent of academics and food security activists are calling for more stable and long term solutions.



[Click here to read the full article at the Vancouver Courier website](#)

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The Globe and Mail - Barrie McKenna

What growing income inequality is costing Canada's future generations

A sobering picture emerges. The dream of achieving a better life than your parents is more elusive in countries where the gap between rich and poor is larger.



For now, Canada sits comfortably in the middle of the curve among developed countries. It's more equal and traditionally more upwardly mobile than those at the extremes of the scale, including the United States, but it trails countries such as Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

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Wellesley Institute - Steve Barnes

Food Banks are a Symptom of Poverty. Let's Fight the Disease

833,098 Canadians used food banks in March of 2013. Half of food bank users reported social assistance as their primary source of income, a quarter were single parent families, 11 percent were First Nations, Métis or Inuit, and 11 percent were recent immigrants. These Canadians come from a broad range of backgrounds, but they all have one thing in common: they are living in poverty.



[Click here to read the full article at the Wellesley Institute website](#)

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Canada Without Poverty

Food Banks Report Calls for Systemic Change

What Food Banks Canada and other anti-poverty groups such as CWP have been saying for years is that there needs to be more support upstream at the government level. Social policy is not reflective of the needs of today's low-income population.

[Click here to read the full article at the CWP-CSP website](#)

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The Star - Editorial

Don't forget the poor and hungry

Ontarians on social assistance are increasingly relying upon food banks to survive. A new national study on hunger by Food Banks Canada shows that

reliance on free food increased by nearly 20 per cent in the five years between March 2008 and March 2013.

According to the study, more than 375,000 Ontarians used food banks in a 12 month-period ending last spring. Some 35 per cent are children. However Dickensian it sounds, many would suffer from serious hunger if it weren't for food banks.

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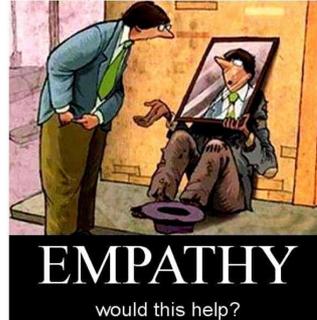
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Glen Pearson's Blog - The Parallel Parliament

Planned Poverty

It all sounded too good to be true, and it likely is. A column this week in the Atlantic held the captivating heading, "How To Cut Poverty Rate in Half (It's Easy)." If only.

The piece proposes something like a Guaranteed Annual Income (GAI), or Basic Income (BI), for those living in poverty. Other nations have explored such possibilities and many in Canada are holding it out as a new way to defeat poverty. I agree and support the initiative, but have come to see that it is likely the only way ahead due to a lack of imagination and resolve in this country.



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